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COLONEL RONALD L. WARNER, JR.

Col Ronald L. Warner, Jr., is Commander, Special Operations Forces Systems Group, Aeronautical Systems Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Colonel Warner completed a degree in Electrical Engineering as an honor graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1982. After completing pilot training, he served as a KC-135 copilot and aircraft commander supporting nuclear alert for Strategic Air Command at Castle AFB, Calif. He next served as an NKC-135 and T-39 instructor and flight commander at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, within the 4950th Test Wing. In 1993, he graduated at the top of his class from the Air Force Institute of Technology earning a master's degree in Software Systems Management before serving as a branch chief for the mission planning and debriefing of the F/A-22 System Program Office. He later served at the Pentagon as a program element monitor and deputy division chief for acquisition of Global Command and Control (C2) systems for the Air Force. Prior to assuming his current position, Colonel Warner served as Chief, Distributed Mission Operations Division, Training Systems Product Group, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Col Warner is a senior pilot with more than 2,500 flight hours in more than 11 aircraft types.



EDUCATION:

1982 Bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering (academic distinction and honors), U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

1988 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

1992 Master of science degree in aerospace engineering, University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio

1993 Master of software systems management (distinguished graduate and Lt. Gen. Rawlings award), Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1997 Distinguished graduate, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2000 Advanced Program Management Course, Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, Va.

2001 Master of strategic studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. June 1982 – June 1983, student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Williams AFB, Ariz.
2. June 1983 – October 1983, student, KC-135 Combat Crew Training School, Castle AFB, Calif.
3. October 1983 – June 1986, co-pilot, KC-135, 924th Air Refueling Squadron, Castle AFB, Calif.
4. June 1986 – March 1988, KC-135 Aircraft Commander, 924th Air Refueling Squadron, Castle AFB, Calif.
5. March 1988 – March 1990, NKC-135 instructor research pilot, 4952nd Test Squadron, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
6. March 1990 – April 1992, Flight Commander and dual-qualified NKC-135 and T-39 instructor pilot, 4950th Test Wing, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
7. May 1992 – December 1993, student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
8. December 1993 – June 1996, Chief, F-22 Mission Planning Branch, F-22 System Program Office, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
9. July 1996 – June 1997, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
10. July 1997 – February 1999, Command and Control Program Element Monitor, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
11. March 1999 – June 2000, Deputy Chief, Global Command and Control Division, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
12. July 2000 – June 2001, student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
13. July 2001 – May 2003, Director of Safety, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
14. June 2003 – June 2005, Chief, Distributed Mission Operations Division, Training Systems Product Group, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
15. June 2005 – present, Commander, Special Operations Forces Systems Group, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Senior pilot

Flight hours: More than 2,500

Aircraft flown: KC-135, NKC-135A/E, T-39

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

1982 Honor Graduate, USAF Academy

1993 Lt. Gen. Rawlings Award, Air Force Institute of Technology

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant June 2, 1982

First Lieutenant June 2, 1984

Captain June 2, 1986

Major June 1, 1994

Lieutenant Colonel Dec. 1, 1998

Colonel Nov. 1, 2004

(Current as of June 2005)